



That's why mums strike in Iceland

THE Prime Minister of ICELAND went on STRIKE yesterday to protest at the gender

pay gap. Tens of thousands of Tens of thousands of women on the snowy volcano island, including PM Katrín Jakobsdóttir, refused to work on Tuesday. The "kvennafri", or women's day off, has been called in protest at the gender pay gap and gender-based violence.

violence.
Fields in which
women form the
majority of workers,
such as healthcare and

such as healthcare and education, were especially affected.
The walkout marked the first women's strike since 1975.
Women were urged to refuse paid and unpaid work, including household chores.
"I will not work this day, as I expect all the women [in cabinet] will do as well," Ms Jakobsdóttir said ahead of the protest. ahead of the protest.

Earnings fall at Barclays

BARCLAYS has reported lower earnings, as it revealed it is considering cutting costs.

Shares in the banking

giant tumbled by 8% after it gave an update on its financial performance for the third quarter.

It reported a pre-tax profit of £1.9bn for the

three months to September, ahead of analysts' expectations but

below last year's £2bn.

Barclays revealed it is
mulling over ways to
make the bank more costefficient and productive, which could result in structural changes across the husiness



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OUT! THERE ARE LLAMAS! Busy road in chaos as beasts escape

A HERD of llamas and alpacas escaped from a farm and halted traffic

on a busy main road.

About 30 of the South American camelids scarpered through a tear in a fence at farm shop Basecamp North

a fence at farm shop Basecamp North Lakes, near Troutbeck, Cumbria, and fled on to the A66.
Staff at parent company Alpacaly Ever After said a vehicle had crashed into a 7ft fence at their site and had left a "gaping hole", before driving off without reporting it.
Mr Barlow said: "Once the alpacas and llamas spotted the hole, they were too nosey to not go and explore. "Then a customer came into the

'Then a customer came into the

farm shop and casually said 'oh, your alpacas and llamas are running up the A66.

"Anyway, I've come to buy some of

your sausages'.
"By the time we reached the road

there were about 30 of them happily walking towards Penrith." Mr Barlow said their "most confident llama" was "in her element" and had "introduced herself to every car" in the resulting traffic jam. Cumbria police said the shop staff

had returned the animals back to their field before officers were sent out. It said it was not aware of any

reports of damage to the farm fence.



New bust-up over Captain Tom charity

A WOMAN who helped launch the Captain Sir Tom Moore charity appeal said she was "cut out" by the family and told not to talk

and told not to talk about it.
Daisy Souster, 31, said she provided public relations services to the family early in the campaign.
Now she says she was told by Capt Sir Tom's daughter,

Hannah Ingram-Moore, she had "no right" to talk about her

more, sine had no right to talk about her role.

Mrs Souster said she was approached by the family to write the press release, which kick-started the Capt Sir Tom story, before sending it to her list of media contacts.

She also claims to have set up the JustGiving page and managed Capt Sir Tom's account on Twitter.

However, in June 2020, her services for the Ingram-Moores came to a sudden halt. "Initially the family were extremely supportive of me and thankful for all that I had done, but for

had done, but for reasons unknown to me, they changed," she wrote on LinkedIn.

Jobs market starts to cool

THE UK jobless rate remained unchanged in the latest three months amid signs that Britain's jobs market has cooled.

Estimates from the Estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealed that the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over was 4.2% in the

and over was 4.2% in the three months to August, the same as before. It comes after official figures revealed that real earnings are outstripping inflation for the first time

in nearly two years.

But there was also a mixed picture for the mixed picture for the wider jobs market after figures showed pay growth starting to ease back for the first time since January, job vacancies falling for the 15th time in a row and an 11,000 drop in UK workers on payrolls

ISRAEL RELEASES VIDEO OF HAMAS TERRORIST CONFESSING... THE M WAS TO LDR

CAPTURED Hamas terrorist told Israeli interrogators that his commanders ordered insurgents to 'behead' women, children and the

women, children and the elderly.

A video showing parts of his interrogation has been released by the Israeli army.

The captive, dressed in a white cloth jumpsuit and sitting across from an Israeli interrogator, is said by the Israel Defence Force to be a 24-year-old member of the Hamas terror squad that stormed Israeli villages on October 7.

The IDF claim he is from Hamas's Zaiton battalion and was captured on the day of the massacres at the gates to the

By COLIN HURST news@sundaysport.co.uk

Alumim kibbutz, close to the Gaza border.
Asked what his mission was, he replies: "To kill. Women, children, everyone, anyone who was in the house."

He says that in Gaza, he had

He says that in Gaza, he had been taught in mosques to respect women and children, but it was 'different' in the Hamas 'army'.

"In the army they tell us to kill, massacre them everywhere," he says. "Women and children and so on. In the religion, they say it is forbidden to kill children, women, the elderly.

"In the army, the commander will tell you, stomp on their heads, behead them, do

whatever you want with them."
It is the first indication that

It is the first indication that Hamas terrorists actively sought to decapitate victims. It has been suggested that headless bodies found by rescue workers might have been decapitated by blasts from the grenades terrorists were hurling into homes, rather than being deliberately beheaded.

Butchers

The interrogator asks the man about the comparison Israel has been making between Hamas and the Islamic State terror group.
The captive appears to agree, saying: "ISIS burns, beheads

and butchers...Hamas became ISIS."

neir He says that Hamas do commanders sent fighters on

suicide missions, telling them: "You're going to go in, not come back." He says they became 'animals', and adds: "It's things a person doesn't do. Beheading people. Having sex with dead bodies – meaning the body of a dead young woman."

dead young woman."

An IDF spokesman said the man had been detained with an operational phone that contained just five contacts, a

contained just five contacts, a navigation app and the Telegram messaging app.

The phone is said to have contained videos of Hamas terrorists murdering victims that had been livestreamed from other villages.

The location of the man in this video is unknown, with the IDF saying only that he is being held in a secure facility in Israel and being questioned by IDF interrogators.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Leeds TODAY will be largely dry but cloudy in most areas with some rain in Scotland.

Scotland.

There will be the odd shower along the south coast of England in the morning.

Temperatures of 13C in London, 12C in Cardiff, 11C in Manchester, 12C in

Manchester, 12C in Edinburgh. Tomorrow sees a mix of

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK SAT SUN FRI

sunshine and showers for most with the chance of heavier outbreaks of

Temperatures of 12C in London, 11C in Cardiff, 12C in Manchester, 11C in Belfast and 8C in Edinburgh. OUTLOOK: Showery.



THE government has confirmed plans to end the use of 50 hotels to house migrants by

January. In March, it was

In March, it was revealed around 400 hotels were being used to house record numbers of asylum seekers.

Now Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick has announced plans to start terminating hotel contracts that are costing the taxpayer £8m a day.

Ministers have criticised the cost, promising the reduce the government's reliance on hotels.

The use of hotels has increased as the number

increased as the number of people claiming asylum in the UK has increased, reaching a near 20-year high of 74,751 last year, says the Home Office.

Under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the Home Office must house asylum seekers, who would otherwise be

destitute, while their claim is being processed. In August, the number of asylum seekers having their application

their application processed reached a record high of 175,000. In December 2022, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak set a target of clearing the backlog by the end of this year. Since then the government has doubled the number of people processing asylum people processing asylum applications to 2,500.

BRIT OF ALRIGHT:



has revealed why she likes news@sundaysport.co.uk to post risqué snapshots

of herself on Insta.
Thepopstar's explanation

Spears

The popstar's explanation comes as excerpts of her new memoir — The Woman in Me — have been making headlines.

The book's many bombshell revelations, including her becoming pregnant by Justin Timberlake and getting an abortion at the peak of their famous relationship, arrive two years after her 13-year conservatorship that stripped away her freedom.

The singer, 40, says she gets "joy" from "posing the way I feel sexy".

Nude

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"I know a lot of people don't understand why I love taking pictures of myself naked or in new dresses," she wrote.

"But I think if they'd been photographed by other people thousands of times, prodded and posed for other people's approval, they'd understand that I get a lot of joy from posting the way I feel sexy and taking my own picture."

But the Toxic star's fans questioned her well-being last month after she posted a nearly nude video of her dancing in her home while

nearly nude video of her dancing in her home while wielding two butcher knives. Spears told fans to "lighten up" after clarifying that the knives were "not real."

She explained she was mirroring Shakira's knife dance performance at the 2023 MTV Awards, but the footage led police to perform a wellness check on her.
"So unacceptable for cops to listen to random fans and

listen to random fans and come in to my home unwarranted," she wrote on Instagram at the time. "Jesus

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Christ ... can I make calls and make others feel threatened in your home?"

In 2021, Spears got candid about why she "exposes" her skin on social media amid her court battle to have her father removed as her conservator.

Sharing a topless photo of herself in white bikini bottoms and red boots, she wrote, "Before I show you more pics of my body... I want you to understand my thoughts on exposing my skin!!!!"

"It's twisted the immediate response of when any woman is hot and they want to shed a layer ... no ... I'm not talking in a strip club or a performance... just on a practical scale of being in your car and realising you're wearing a stupid long sleeve shirt in the summer!!!!" she continued.

Spears added: "The reaction to any woman who does this after shedding a layer is DAMN I FEEL BETTER ... therefore you think you look better!!!"

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Mad doctor calls for ban on vaginas

A BARMY woke paediatrician has called for child doctors to start calling the vagina a 'front hole' and the penis an 'outie'.

Dr Ilana Sherer, a paediatrician in Dublin, California, is calling for more gender neutral terminology for body parts.

Her proposals, given during a workshop entitled 'Discussing Gender and Sexuality in the Primary Care Office,' included referring to the vagina as an 'innie,' 'front hole,' or 'T-penis' and the clitoris as 'dick' or 'dicklet'.

She also proposed calling breasts 'chest' or 'chesticles.' For male anatomy, Dr Sherer recommended paediatricians call the penis 'outie,' 'junk,' 'strapless,' or 'bits.'

Sane doctors have warned against politicising medical language because it could confuse public health messaging, especially for kids.



Pilot 'tried to crash plane

AN off-duty pilot had a "mental breakdown" and tried to crash a flight by shutting off the engines. Joseph Emerson, 44,

Joseph Emerson, 44, tried to activate the San Francisco-bound Alaska Airlines jet's fire-suppression system – a near-catastrophic move that left him facing 83

attempted murder counts.

He would have cut off
the fuel to the engines.

The flight's captain subdued Emerson, who was off-duty but allowed to sit in the cockpit as an employee of the airline.







Strictly show goes on after Amanda exit

STRICTLY Come Dancing is set to Dancing is set to continue as normal for the rest of the series with an elimination each week until the final – despite the departure of contestant Amanda Abbington.

It was announced the 49-year-old actress had decided to withdraw from the BBC competition on spin-off

from the BBC competition on spin-off show It Takes Two on Monday evening.

Her exit comes days after she pulled out of the live show on Saturday night "due to medical reasons".

Presenter and singer Flour Facet confirmed

Fleur East confirmed the Sherlock star had exited the show. She read a statement which said: "Amanda has decided to

withdraw from the competition.
"The show wishes her

all the best for the future."

future."
A compilation of
Abbington's best
moments on the show
with partner Giovanni
Pernice was played
before East added:
"Amanda, we are
sending you all of our
love."



Viagra saves your marbles

STIFFY pill Viagra could stop you going gaga, medics claim.

Researchers from Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York found that Viagra blocks an enzyme found in the

enzyme round in the brains of those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease. The study looked at more than 27,000 people over 65, comparing half of the participants who had been prescribed Viagra with half who had not. Findings showed that pill suppresses a protein called PDE5.
In Alzheimer's patients,

PDE5 is "significantly increased" in the part of the brain that manages

"We found it was we round it was significantly associated with a 60% lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease," study author Xingyue Huo said.
The little blue pill also increases blood supply, which is considered to

which is considered to improve brain health.



SINGER James Blunt has revealed how he pours vodka onto the coals of his SAUNA

- so he can 'imbibe' the boozy stream. The 49-year-old, whose 2005 hit You're Beautiful was No1 in 10 countries, makes the

The 49-year-old, whose 2005 hit You're Beautiful was No1 in 10 countries, makes the claim in his new memoir, called Loosely Based On A Made-Up Story.

In a foreword to the book, out this week, the dad-of-two – a former Army captain – says it was "inspired by true events", but that it was "not a biography".

One of the many tales he tells on what he calls "his truth", is that he pours vodka onto the coals of his sauna – as well as trying to grow hallucinogenic figs.

He claims that he spent the dosh on the powerful drugs – a popular a mind-expanding drug in the 60s and 70s – to "water his fig trees" in an attempt to "grow hallucinogenic fruit".

Rocket

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The singer – who has a fortune of around £15m – said he pours vodka onto the coals of his sauna so he can "imbibe the alcoholic steam"

writing about his experience in the Army, where he served in Kosovo, he said he and his troop came under rocket fire and were told it would take 45 minutes for 'air support' to arrive and baln them

support' to arrive and help them.

He said that rather than wait, he called his dad, Colonel Charles Blunt – who was head of the Army Air Corps – who had two Apache helicopters there in five minutes to rescue his son his son.

He said he "called

SOZZLED IN THE SAUNA:

James Blunt

called it the definition of 'useful'... they weren't bothered about me overexerting my privilege, they were saying. Yup - f**king call him!'."

Other incidents relayed in the book include using the mouthpiece of his trumpet - from his days in the Household Cavalry - to puff out cocaine to revellers.

Asked about why

cocaine to revellers.
Asked about why
some folk didn't like
him and expressed a
desire to 'punch him in
the face', he said: "To
be honest, when I
look back I want to
punch me in the face as
well.

Boarding

"I came out of boarding school and the army and I was very naive and I got a bit of a kicking.
"Did I deserve it? Yes, probably.
"Has it kept my feet on the ground? I would say it definitely has.

has.
"And like boarding school, I've sort of come to enjoy it."

PERIOD PAIN'S OVER FOR SACKED WORKER

Daddy" and that "two Apache helicopter gunships arrived there in less than five minutes".

Asked if the incident summed up privilege, he said his soldiers encouraged him to make the call.

He said: "My soldiers at the time would've

Asked if the incident

was removed from his role as Scotland's first PERIOD DIGNITY officer has settled his case out of court.

Jason Grant sued the partnership that hired him last year, on the grounds of sex discrimination, with the case set to call next March

March.
An HM Courts and
Tribunal Service
spokeswoman said the

case had been settled

and would not be proceeding as planned. No details of the terms of settlement have been been made. Mr Grant's legal team

Mr Grant's legal team declined to comment.
His appointment sparked a heated debate, with critics saying the job should have gone to a woman – as men don't have periods.
His role was created to ensure the legal right

to free period products in public places and was described as the first of its kind in Scotland.

The working group made up of experts had said Mr Grant was the

said Mr Grant was the strongest candidate for the job.

A Dundee and Angus College spokesperson said: "The dispute between the parties has been resolved and no further statement shall he made." be made.





Now Paltrow wants home in Cornwall!

HOLLYWOOD beauty
Gwyneth Paltrow is
said to be the latest
celebrity with her eye
on buying a swanky
home in Cornwall.

The actress, 51 (above),
usually lives in Los
Angeles, California,
but seems to be hoping
for a more quiet life on
the British coast.

She follows a host of
other celebs, including
Cate Blanchett, Jason
Statham, Jamie Dornan
and Stanley Tucci who
have all snapped up
properties there.

But while her A-list
pals have taken up
residence in Mawgan
Porth – now known as
Hollywood-on-Sea' due
to its influx of famous
faces – Gwyneth is
hoping for a more
quiet location.

She is looking for a
home in the quaint
village of Polzeath, a
tiny picturesque place
known for its large
sandy beach.

One local said:
"Gwyneth has been in
the area recently and
has been looking at a
couple of potential
places for a holiday
home. Life in Polzeath
has caught her eye."

Fact me!

IT would take you approximately 18 months to walk all the way along The Great Wall of China.

Sainsbury's car shaggers held

A MAN and a woman have been "caught in the act" in a Sainsbury's car park. Greater Manchester Police said the two people were arrested and taken into custody.

They have since been issued with a police caution for outraging public decency after the incident in the Fallowfield area of the city.

The offence of outraging public decency is defined as when someone does something lewd, obscene or disgusting in nature in a public place or a place accessible to, or within view of, the public.

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A short post shared by GMP Fallowfield about the incident said: "Two police cautioned – a male and female have been caught in the act on a Sainsbury's car park today. park today.

"Both were arrested

and issued with a police caution for outraging public decency."





CHARGED: Bradley Dimmick also killed family dog

A MAN killed his own father and the family's pet dog - and kept his dad's severed head in the BATH.

the BATH.

Bradley Adam Dimmick, 35, has been accused of killing Keith Dimmick, his 65-year-old father, and a dog in San Antonio, Texas.

According to the arrest affidavit, officers detained a man after reports of a "suspicious person" looking into parked vehicles.

While questioning Dimmick, cops attempted to get him to identify himself.

That's when he told the officers: "I just killed somebody."

Officers began to question Dimmick about his statements.

Decapitated

One officer reported that Dimmick stated that he killed a person named "Dimmick" at a house.

When officers arrived at the house, the front door was unlocked, and they entered the home when nobody responded to their knocks.

A truck was parked in the driveway. Officers saw blood on the ground "immediately" inside the front door and also found a dead dog.

Then they found a decapitated human body in the living room.

The severed human head was later found inside the bathroom tub, the arrest affidavit states.

Dimmick later admitted to officers

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By KIT JACKSON

that the weapon was "in the house". that the weapon was "in the house".

A homicide detective reported "apparent dried blood" throughout the residence – near the front door where the dog was found, in the living room where the body was found, and in the kitchen, in the hallways, bedrooms and the bathroom where the head was found.

The detective added that the

head was found.

The detective added that the residence had three "cloud-based" video cameras in the living room, driveway and front door.

The camera in the living room was pointed toward the decapitated body of Dimmick's father.

According to the affidavit the

of Dimmick's father.

According to the affidavit, the father and the dog had "large stomach" wounds which showed their "intestines extruding" from their bedien

Bonkers

Adam Knopick, Dimmick's brother, said that his sibling was bonkers in the nut and presented alarming red flags over the years, including an attempt to kill his mother.

Knopick said his brother had been put into a loony bin but was later released into his father's care. He added that Dimmick refused to take his medication following his release.

his medication following his release. Dimmick was charged with murder and cruelty to non-livestock animals.

Horse 'orgy' men nicked

THREE men have been arrested for having a gang bang – with a HORSE.

A video of the sick incident surfaced on social media on at the weekend, prompting authorities to take immediate action against the accused.

Police spokesman Sanjay Singh said the three – aged 23, 22 and 21 – were arrested on Saturday while efforts are ongoing to nab two more suspects seen in the video.
In the video, the

perverts are seen engaging in unnatural sex with the mare in Uttar Pradesh, India.

A criminal complaint has been lodged against the five accused, under sections of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the India Penal Code.









PM dumps her lover over his orgy demand!

ITALIAN PM Giorgia Meloni has dumped her partner Andrea Giambruno after he

Meroin has uniped her partner Andrea Giambruno after he was caught asking a female colleague to take part in an ORGY. Giambruno, a TV journalist, has drawn criticism in recent weeks for alleged sexist comments.

Excerpts of one of his recent shows broadcast off-air show him using foul language, touching his groin, and appearing to make advances to a female colleague. "Why didn't I meet you before?" he asks her. In another recording, he is heard telling a female colleague that they could work for him if they take part in group sex.

He tells a woman off camera: "We're looking for a third person, as we do threesomes. Foursomes, too. Would you like to be part of our working group?" The split comes as Meloni, 46, celebrates her first year in office leading a right-wing coalition government that has defended the traditional family as one of its policies.



Bras-off-for-beer nightclub fined

A NIGHTCLUB has been fined thousands over a controversial promotion that urged patrons to take off their bras for free drinks. Woolshed on Hindley

nightclub, in Adelaide, Australia, posted the advert on their Facebook

advert on their Facebook page back in June. It encouraged female punters to hang up their bras inside the venue for free drinks, with patrons receiving more drinks the bigger their bra size. "Hanging your bra is uncomfortable, hang it up in the shed and let it

uncomfortable, hang it up in the shed and let it loose," the promo read. "That means you as well, boys!"
The club has been fined £2,000 by the South Australia's Consumer and Business Services over the advertisement.
The gaming regulator

The gaming regulator found the venue had breached the state's **General Code of Practice** and Late Night Code of





Gardener thought dead body was **Halloween prop**

By BRAD CHADWICK

A DISTURBING mix-up led to a gardener mowing the lawn around what looked like a Halloween

what looked like a Halloween decoration - but what turned out to be a DEAD BODY.

The half-naked corpse of Robert Paul Owens, 34, was found lying face down outside a deserted house in China Grove, North Carolina.

A lawn-care employee found Owens's body but didn't report the finding because they thought it was a spooky Halloween prop being used for decoration, according to family members of Owens (right).

Instead, the groundskeeper avoided mowing the area where the mysterious body was and Owens's corpse wasn't officially reported until the following day.

Cuts

That's when a construction worker at the home, which had been empty for a long time, stumbled upon Owens's body, found half-naked in the grass with cuts and scrapes all over his body and reported it to the police.

Haley Reavis, Owens's sister, set up a Gofundme page for funeral expenses.

She went on to call out the "suspicious way" that her brother was found: "He was found once on Monday by a lawn care employee that assumed he was just a Halloween decoration or a mannequin for K9 training and was never reported to the authorities.

the authorities.
"Who in their right mind can assume a

"Who in their right mind can assume a half-naked dead body with scratches and glass around it is Halloween decor?

"We have evidence that has been handed over to detectives. If you're reading this and you were involved you will get what you deserve very soon."

His family admitted that Owens was known to do drugs but insist that doesn't explain his shocking death.



Al's chances of wiping us all out

ARTIFICIAL intelligence has a one in four chance of wiping out humanity, a leading tech boss warns.

Dario Amodei, of Al researchers Anthropic, said the technology would destroy the world by either

going rogue or by being abused by humans.
He said: "The chance something goes wrong on the scale of human civilisation might be 10

to 25 percent.

"If we can avoid the downsides then this stuff about curing cancer, extending human lifespan, solving problems like mental illness... it's not outside the scope of what this can do." The world's first safety summit on Al will be

hosted by British PM Rishi Sunak next month.

DAD AND DAUGHTER COUPLE BANGED UP

A MAN who married his own DAUGHTER has been jailed.
Travis Fieldgrove, who admitted he had been having sex with a woman who was both his wife and his daughter, has been convicted on incest charges and put behind bars for two years.
Fieldgrove struck up the relationship with his long-lost daughter, who had managed to track him down. The 40-year-old has now been ordered to have no contact with Samantha Kershner, 21.
They were married on October 1 in Hastings, Nebraska. Both sides agree that incest was committed, a fact proven by DNA tests.
According to court files, Grand Island police officers spoke to Fieldgrove and Kershner (below)



Mr Loeffler also pointed out that his client is a halfwit.





Heart attack dining scam man is held

A CON man living in Spain has been nicked for faking heart attacks on 20 different occasions

on 20 different occasions to get out of paying for meals at restaurants.

The 50-year-old man, a Lithuanian national identified as Aidas J who lives in Alicante, was first held for his dining scams back in November 2022.

In his latest target, the scammer visited

November 2022.
In his latest target, the scammer visited the El Buen Comer, in the historic district of Alicante, for dinner and ordered a seafood paella and two whiskeys, which cost £30.
When he finished his meal and drinks, the man tried to leave but was stopped by staff who told him he had to cough up.
Aidas then claimed he felt "unwell" and fell to the ground in a "very theatrical" way. Several more local restaurants filed a joint criminal complaint against Aidas, and now want him jailed for up to two years.

HEAVY ARTILLERY

THE American Security Project, a think tank in the US, has warned its national security is under threat as 68% of the country's troops are overweight or obese.

























Ex-teacher: I raked in \$1m on OnlyFans

A SEXY teacher who resigned after school administrators found out about her having an OnlyFans side

an OnlyFans side hustle says she's made £820,000 selling porn. Brianna Coppage, 28 (above), was an English teacher at St. Clair High School near St. Louis, Missouri, and

was put on leave before ultimately resigning. Coppage, who made £25,000 working as a £25,000 working as a teacher, said she used OnlyFans to make extra money that would help her pay off student loans from her degrees. She was placed on leave in September after meeting with two school administrators who received reports about her OnlyFans. Coppage said she's

Coppage said she's now among the platform's top creators, raking in nearly \$1m since she started over

since she started over the summer.

"I will also say that I have tens of thousands of fans now. And I have, you know, far exceeded my teacher salary for the year,"

she said. "I don't regret it!"



Aussies top list of shag-happiness

AUSTRALIA was named the most shag-happy country in the world, with the average citizen sleeping with 13.3 people and 81 percent of

anu ol percent or residents approving of sex before marriage. Brits trail with an average of 9.8 partners, with the Spanish on 6.1, the Polish on six and the Chinese 3.1

Chinese 3.1.

NapLab compiled data from various sources to come up with their list, looking at national sexually transmitted infection rates a country. infection rates, a country's attitudes to premarital sex, and the average number of sex partners,

among other criteria.

America was the 15th
most promiscuous country on the planet, with the average resident sleeping with 10.7 people over the course of their

France had the most lax views when it came to sex before marriage, with 94% saying it was OK.





By SUZY SHELDON news@sundaysport.co.uk

ACTRESS Julia Fox has made stunning new revelations about her time working as a teen DOMINATRIX!

teen DOMINATRIX!

Long before she hit the headlines for her role in Uncut Gems or her relationship with oddball Kanye West, Julia, now 33, worked in a sex dungeon in Manhattan.

In an excerpt from her new memoir Down The Drain, she spilled the racy details of her first day on the job.

The then 18-year-old's first gig in one of the dungeon's torture rooms was with avid smoker called Stewart.

He was "completely naked, and his balls are tightly bound to a rope that's connected to a torture device hanging from the ceiling".

Stewart – whom Julia noticed had a small penis – offered to let her "spit in my mouth or even pee".

Funnel

Julia made her way through a gruelling session with Stewart still unable to get an erection.

In a stroke of luck, Julia realised she needed to urinate – which she proceeded to do through a funnel into Stewart's mouth, finally getting him aroused.

Stewart masturbated to completion on his hand and Julia fed him the results, much to his delight.

Stewart became a regular of hers, and the

delight.

Stewart became a regular of hers, and the experience taught her a vital tool of her new job, which was: "I have to know what they want before they've even come to terms with it."

She added: "I revel in the fact that I can be anyone at any given moment. I transform into your mean mommy, an evil nun, the bitchy girl in high school, all in a day's work.

"My strong intuition and excellent improv skills keep the job interesting and the money rolling in."

Julia has also opened up about her brief relationship with Kayne, claiming that it had been similar to raising a second child.

Fox reflected: "I think he needed a full-time person, and I just couldn't be full-time. I had my son."











<u>Starting to feel</u>

ARE people in politics getting madder?

Madder?

Not just here, but everywhere.
We've got the Biden and Trump act, crazy Putin, power-hungry China, that fluffy little popinjay in France, Germany skint, the EU under siege from North Africa, all along with falling-apart-at-the-seams Great Britain. Britain.

Screws, it seems, are loose all over the place.
And it is these recent events that have taken me back a little to the morning of Wednesday, June 16, 1999.

A 58-year-old man was found hanged inside his late mother's house, after years of battling what we used to call manic depression but now say "bipolar disorder" instead.

David Edward Sutch was, of course, much better known as Screaming Lord Sutch, the UK's perma-politician who stood a record 39 times for parliament and failed miserably on every occasion.

every occasion.

Between 1983 and 1999 he led the Monster Raving Loony Party, an outfit designed to determinedly prick political pomposity while putting a smile on people's faces.

Colourful

He was as harmless as he was colourful but arguably nowhere near as mad, bad and dangerous as some of the lunatics that today occupy

as mad, bad and dangerous as some of the lunatics that today occupy corridors of power.

Without naming names here – not least because we'd rather avoid any lawyers – who would you honestly trust out of ANY of them these days to run so much as a bath?

But while chewing over that one, could you also spare a thought for the people of Argentina? Seriously?

I know the place is allegedly still the home of crinkly, rat-faced Nazis hiding out in the jungle while manically praying for a Fourth Reich. Yes, they tried to steal our Falkland Islands and we gave them a thumping in return.

And, OK, they are also pissed off with us for apparently eating all

with us for apparently eating all their best steaks.

their best steaks.

But what they do have now is a politician who is also so "colourful" he makes the late, great Lord Sutch sound as dull as Sir Keir Starmer.

Javier Milei has the sad, dyed, frizzled hair of an ageing rock star.

BATTY: Sutch (right) and Argie Javier Milei



The right-winger is often seen at rallies holding up a chainsaw, a prop designed to show what he would do to taxes and regulations.

If he should win the election next month – he's on a shortlist of just two for the country's presidency – life in the South American country will certainly take a turn.

For Milei takes advice not from a loyal wife or secret mistress but his five English mastiffs.

If you think all THAT sounds deliciously bonkers, each dog is spookily an exact clone of his first dog, Conan – named after Arnie Schwarzenegger's breakthrough role – who died in 2018.

Ma<u>dman</u>

"He is not joking when he calls the dogs strategists," said Juan Luis González, author of The Madman.
"He's convinced that he can communicate with his dogs... that they can advise him in different areas.
"New Conan does general strategy. Milton, I think, is the one who advises on economic subjects.
"Then there's one that can see into the future and learn from mistakes... I think that's Robert."
So, yes, our politicians may well be useless, but don't cry for me, Argentina.

Argentina.

The truth is, we should be crying

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'Fake cancer' battle woman

A WOMAN who falsely claimed to have cancer and documented her "battle" on social media has avoided prison after a judge gave her probation and a suspended sentence.

Madison Russo, 20 (above), never had pancreatic cancer, leukaemia or the football-sized tumour wrapped around her spine she that claimed in postings on TikTok, GoFundMe, Facebook and LinkedIn.

But over 400 people sent her donations.

As part of the 10-year suspended sentence handed down, she was ordered to pay \$235.000 in compo and

sentence and ded down, she was ordered to pay £35,000 in compo and a £1,000 fine.

Russo, of Bettendorf, Iowa, pleaded guilty in June to first-degree

June to first-degree theft. During her sentencing hearing, Judge John Telleen declined a defence request that would've wiped the conviction off her record if she completes probation successfully. Russo said she made her story up as she hoped her fake cancer battle would force her troubled family to focus on her.

Fact me!

BUZZ Aldrin, the second man to ever set foot on the Moon in 1969. peed himself while walking on the surface

Med diet helps reduce spread

THE Mediterranean diet could be the key to cutting middle-age spread.

A new study from the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea-Plus has revealed the diet, taken revealed the diet, taken with physical activity, can counter age-related body changes like fat gain and loss of muscle mass. The study was designed to determine whether the diet could prevent cardiavacular dieses.

cardiovascular disease but a subgroup was evaluated to measure the impact on body composition after a three-year period. The results showed

an energy-reduced or low-calorie Mediterranean

iow-catorie Mediterranean diet and increased physical activity appeared to reduce aging-related weight gain and muscle loss.

The participants in a group that followed the Mediterranean diet experienced "clinically meaningful" changes in over the pody composition over the body composition over the three-year experiment.



Devil

To promote it, Adam shared an image of his wife surrounded by five different men, writing: "It's time," with a devil emoji. "Head on over to our OnlyFans so you don't miss this content when it drops," he added in a

very positive for our society and economy."

Adam is best known for running popular podcast No Jumper and has racked up more







Dear Ashleigh,

A FEW weeks ago I pulled a blonde in the pub and we went back to her place. She stripped me off and tied me to the bed.

After a sex show in which she finger-f**ked herself to orgasm, she guided my dick into her sopping vagina.

The sex was amazing and I had the night of my life but I woke up the next day with a killer hangover.

I was still tied to the bed and when I managed to get free, my wallet and phone had been nicked.

I thought I'd have some explaining to do but when I got in my girlfriend dumped me. Then I realised that I'd been out for two days, not one night. This bird must have drugged me.

Should I tell my girlfriend what happened?

TC, west Yorkshire

Ashleigh says...
THAT won't help you. You cheated on her, she was right to dump you.

Dear Ashleigh,

I'VE known for ages that my best friend's fella is a cheating tosser who has slept with at least three other

Cheating tosser who has slept with at least three outer girls – including me!

A couple of months ago I was on holiday in Spain with two girls from the same college. My pal couldn't get time off work and was stuck at home.

We ran into this bloke, a cocky sod, who talked me into bed. He had a fabulous body and was a great shag.

It was only later, of course, that I learned from my pals that they'd both been shagged by this fella too!

When I got home, it made me realise that I still felt really guilty that I had shagged my best mate's fella.

He wants to see me again and I'm tempted. But should I tell her that I shagged him and that he'll hump anything that moves?

HK, south London

Ashleigh says...

TELL her now, even though it will be painful.

I want to stop wedding after romping with best pal's girl

Dear Ashleigh,

I'VE been humping my best friend's gorgeous girl for the last three months.

She's a busty brunette in herearly 20s and I'm 28.

I'd met her loads of times on nights out with my mate and the rest of our crowd and I'd noticed that we'd often find ourselves chatting about this and that.

But one night I bumped into her in a pub on the other side of town when my pal was away on a business trip.

town when my pai was away on a business trip. I chatted her up and she made it clear she was up for it. We did it on the back seat of my car in the pub's car park.

We met more times and I found out how lucky my mate was —

she's really horny and loves it doggy-style and also does anal.

My mate is meant to be marrying her next month and I'm the best man.

But I've really fallen for his fiancée and have asked her to marry me instead!

She refused and said I'm just.

She refused and said I'm just her final fling before she gets

wed.
I'm gutted. I'm thinking about telling my mate about our affair so I can stop the wedding. Do you think I should?

DS, Devon

Ashleigh says...

NO! Just accept she is marrying someone else.

I'm hooked on big boobs

in the bedroom.

I reckon there should be a law against it. What's the point of leading blokes on with curvaceous top bollocks, only to let them down with a bump when they reveal they have hardly any bumps and just a well-padded bra?

Now being a decent sort of chap, I've never kicked them into touch bacques of this shortfall in flesh

because of this shortfall in flesh because of this shortfall in flesh and I have even shagged them twice as hard to work off my frustrations.

I get them to put on their padded bras and their knix in

Am I all alone but normal in my thinking here?

JR. Notts

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Ashleigh says...

You seem to be making out all right, you moaning old bastard!

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 28. Tyke (3)
 30. Orderly, neat (4)

- 1. WHICH telly presenter has been slammed by viewers for taking the half-term week off despite having an add daughter?
- a) Lorraine Kelly b) Holly Willoughby c) Susanna Reid d) Esther Rantzen
- 2. GANGSTER and actor Dave Courtney watched which London footy club
- play just hours before he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound? a) Crystal Palace b) Queens Park
- Rangers
 c) Charlton Athletic
- c) Charlton Atme d) Leyton Orient 3. BOBI, the world's oldest dog, has died just five months after celebrating his birthday. How old was he?

- a) 27 b) 29 c) 31 d) 33
- 4. WHICH EastEnders star has revealed he's the only member of his family
- who hasn't been to jail?
 a) Sid Owen
 b) Adam Woodyatt
 c) Steve McFadden
 d) Perry Fenwick

- 5. WHICH footy legend, who won the World Cup with England, died at the weekend?
 a) Geoff Hurst

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- b) Bobby Charlton c) Bobby Moore d) Jack Charlton
- 6. WHICH rock legend has described modern nas described modern music as being like "a one-way toilet"? a) Roger Daltrey b) John Lydon c) Keith Richards d) Billy Idol
- 7. WHICH actress has stunned fans with a full-frontal naked scene shown on Netflix?
- a) Jennifer Lawrence b) Helen Mirren c) Meryl Streep d) Helena Bonham Carter
- 8. FANS of which football club were seen waving Israel flags, despite a

- Premier League ban amid the Palestine conflict?
 a) Liverpool
 b) Arsenal
 c) Manchester City
- d) Tottenham
- 9. WHAT car firm says its EV breakthrough will allow cars to travel
- 745 miles on a single 10-minute charge? a) Tesla
- b) Honda c) Mercedes d) Toyota
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Powell Wakes up to a new challenge

RUGBY LEAGUE

WAKEFIELD have appointmented veteran former Castleford and Warrington boss Daryl Powell as their new head

Powell as their new head coach.
The 58-year-old replaces Mark Applegarth, who was officially relieved of his duties this week following the club's relegation from the Betfred Super League.
Powell uses sacked by

Powell was sacked by Warrington in July after a run of six consecutive defeats, culminating in an embarrassing 42-6 loss to

Trinity.
Wakefield also confirmed the completion of a takeover by businessman Matt Ellis, who said he believes who said he believes
Powell is the right man to
lead the club back into
the top flight.
Ellis said: "Having had
many conversations with
Daryl over the last few

months, I can assure you all that he is hungry for success and both my own and Daryl's ambitions are

and Daryl's ambitions are aligned.
"I feel this is the perfect role for Daryl, with a big re-build and he will thrive in the challenge. I know that we will see the best Daryl has to offer."
Meanwhile, England head coach Shaun Wane believes his side left

believes his side left plenty of room for improvement after they kicked off their three-match autumn series with a hard-fought 22-18 win

over Tonga in St Helens.
Wane said: "We were really good but not perfect. I'm happy we won a Test match against a team, but I do honestly team, but I do nonesty know that we can improve massively on that. We did good things but not for long enough periods." Wane singled out Hull KR stand-off Mikey Lewis, who shone on his debut in

the halves, his first surging run setting up the opening try for Toby King before the 22-year-old went all the way to touch down for England's second before the half-hour.

"Mikey can do a lot better, there's no question in my mind about that, and he won't mind me saying it," added Wane. "I know he's a lot more talented but he did really

talented but he did really well today against a big, athletic team.

"I knew he was a running threat and once I committed to him that was it. He's conducted himself well and he's a credit to

ALL THE FALLOUT FROM THE **BREAK THE WORLD CUP CYCLE**

ENGLAND will sign off an encouraging Rugby World Cup with Friday's bronze final against Argentina at the Stade de France having lost 16-15 to South Africa in the last four.

Here, *Midweek Sport* examines five things we learned from their progressthroughthetournament. **ENGLAND IN THE RIGHT HANDS**

The rancour of the latter stages of the Eddie Jones era saw the bond between England and their fans fray,

between England and their fans fray, but the act of defiance produced on a sodden Paris night has the capacity to reconnect team and supporters. Although it ended in heartbreak, there was much to admire as the Springboks were out-Bokked by a wet-weather masterclass devised by Steve Borthwick. Expectations heading into the World Cup were at

By PAUL THOMAS

an all-time low, yet Borthwick drove them to the brink of a World Cup final and the head coach described as a rugby "genius" by wing Jonny May has proved he is the right man to lead England forward.

to lead England forward.

END OF AN ERA

Supporters might have to show patience as tricky waters lie ahead in the form of the inevitable rebuild for Australia 2027.

Stalwarts such as Courtney Lawes, Jonny May, Dan Cole and Joe Marler are likely to have played their last Tests and while there is an impressive core of players who are in the early phase of their career — Ben Earl, Freddie Steward, Marcus Smith and Alex Mitchell among them — it could be some time before Borthwick's vision for England really takes shape.

BREAK THE WORLD CUP CYCLE

Under Jones everything was sacrificed at the alter of the World Cup, repeated poor Six Nations performances explained away by their place in the bigger picture. But the gut-wrenching defeat to South Africa, which was won by a 79th-minute Handre Pollard penalty, was an indicator of just how hard the tournament is to win. The Webb Ellis Trophy remains the ultimate prize, but it is just part of the sport's landscape and should not be prioritised at the expense of other competitions. competitions.

RED ROSE GREAT

It did not need a strong World Cup to confirm Lawes as an all-time England great, but over the last two months, he provided emphatic confirmation nonetheless. The second row-turned blindside flanker retires from Test rugby after the

tournament, a 34-year-old veteran of 105 caps, who saved his best performances for the biggest games. As a back-row warrior with sharp rugby instincts, he leaves giant boots to fill.

MARTIN THE ENFORCER

While the English game says farewell to one ultra-physical backfive forward, Saturday hinted at the birth of another. George Martin was making only his fourth start, yet the 22-year-old rookie was the dominant second row on a pitch also roamed by Eben Etzebeth and Maro Itoje, making thunderous tackles and offering close-quarter muscle, particularly in mauls. The type of brutish presence every pack needs, he should become a fixture in England's 23 for years to come.

Meanwhile, World Rugby has opened an investigation into the alleged racist slur directed at 22-year-old rookie was the dominant



England flanker Tom Curry by South Africa hooker Mbongeni Mbonambi in Saturday's World Cup

been called a "white c***" by Mbonambi.

"World Rugby takes all allegations of discriminatory behaviour very seriously," a statement read.

"We can confirm that we are formally reviewing the allegation made by England's Tom Curry in relation to the use of discriminatory language during the England versus South Africa Rugby World Cup 2023 semi-final on Saturday.

"World Rugby will not be making further comment until the conclusion of the process."

of the process."
England – who had until Monday
morning to lodge an official
complaint with the citing officer –

have declined to make any comment on the incident but South Africa began their own investigation on

began their own investigation on Sunday.

Although the alleged racist remark is not audible on the referee microphone, Curry's subsequent conversation with O'Keeffe can be heard clearly.

"Sir, if their hooker calls me a white c***, what do I do?" the Sale flanker said.

O'Keeffe replied: "Nothing,

flanker said.

O'Keeffe replied: "Nothing, please. I'll be on it."

If World Rugby's inquiry triggers disciplinary proceedings they are likely to fall under the banner of bringing the game into disrepute', which can result in a range of sanctions including a suspension and/or a fine.

No indication has been given of

No indication has been given of how long the investigation will take, complicating South Africa's build up to the World Cup final.





ENGLAND continued on the path towards one of their worst Cricket World Cup campaigns with a humbling 229-run defeat to South Africa. It was their third in four

games at this year's tournament – one away from equalling an unwanted record.

They lost four out of six games in 1996 and 2015 and here, so how does this tournament compare?

England lost their opening game to New Zealand by 11 runs, but wins over group minnows the United Arab Emirates and the Netherlands essentially ensured their quarter-final place, in a format which lent itself to the big teams progressing

comfortably.
They rounded out the group stage with defeats to South Africa, by 78 runs, and Pakistan by seven wickets, leaving them fourth and facing Group A surprise package Sri Lanka, who won the quarter-final by five wickets with almost 10 overs to spare on their way to the title – Sanath Jayasuriya hit 82 off 44

A bowling attack led by Darren Gough and Peter Martin, and with spinner Richard Illingworth sharing the new ball against Sri Lanka, struggled in the tournament and took their wickets at an average of wickets at an average or 33 runs, which would remain England's worst at a World Cup until 2011.
Only four England batters passed 100 runs, including captain Michael

Atherton who averaged 19.83.

A 15-run defeat to underdogs Bangladesh was the key moment as England exited the tournament in the group stage for only the third time, following 1999 and 2003. England were also heavily beaten by Pool A's fancied teams, by 111 runs against Australia and eight and nine wickets respectively against New Zealand and Sri Lanka, with their only wins coming against Scotland

and Afghanistan.
Their average of 29.49 runs for each wicket lost was their third-lowest at a World Cup, beating only 1979 (23.82) and 2003 (25.85), while a rate of 37.47 per wicket taken was their worst ever.

England are on track for worse averages with bat and ball than in that dismal 2015 campaign, averaging 27.13 runs per wicket and a shocking 42.61 with the hall.

Dawid Malan's century against Bangladesh is a Ione hand so far - Mark Wood leads the batting averages, with 80 runs in 58 balls for one dismissal, but has taken three wickets at 70.

Rece Topley, who leads the bowling averages with eight wickets at 22.87, will not play again at the tournament due to a

broken finger.
The 229-run margin against South Africa surpassed by over 100 England's previous heaviest World Cup loss batting second, a 122-run defeat to the same

opposition in 1999.
The nine-wicket loss to
New Zealand has been surpassed only once, Sri Lanka chasing down 230 without losing a wicket in

England's only other four-loss World Cup came in 2007, when they played nine games in a tournament featuring a

'Super Eight' stage.
They lost three in 1987, 1992, 2003, 2011 and on their way to the 2019

Brits face Champions challenge

CELTIC V ATLETICO MADRID (WEDNESDAY) Atletico have genuine

Champions League pedigree, although they failed to make the last 16 for the first time in five seasons in 2022-23.

The sides have met on six occasions with the Spaniards having come out on top four times, the last of them a 1-0 Europa League victory at Celtic Park in 2011, with the Scottish champions' only reward two draws.

Atleti currently top Group E on goals scored ahead of Lazio with both

Feyenoord a point behind.
They drew 1-1 in Rome where the Serie A side were indebted to goalkeeper Ivan Provedel's last-gasp equaliser – and twice came from behind at the Estadio Metropolitano, where Alvaro Morata's double either side of an Antoine Griezmann strike secured a 3-2 victory over the Dutchmen.

Diego Simeone's men head into the game on the back of a six-match winning run culminating in Saturday's 3-0 league victory at Celta Vigo.

NEWCASTLE V BORUSSIA DORTMUND (WED)

Last season's Bundesliga runners-up, Dortmund were Europea champions in 1997 and went down 2-1 to compatriots Bayern Munich in the 2013 final.

They have made it to the knockout stage of the Champions League in eight of their 10 most recent campaigns, but went out to Chelsea in the round of 16 last season.

Their record in England does not augur well with seven of their last eight visits ending in defeat – both the Blues and Manchester City got the better of them last season.

Dortmund have collected just a single point from their two Group F outings to date, but are yet to find the back of the net following a 2-0 defeat at Paris St Germain and a 0-0



ON TARGET: Griezmann

home draw with AC Milan. However, the reverse in Paris remains the only one they have suffered in 11 games in all competitions and they have won their last five league games – the most recent of them a 1-0 victory over Werder Bremen on Friday – to sit two points adrift of early leaders Baver Leverkusen.

YOUNG BOYS V MAN CITY (WEDNESDAY)

The Swiss champions are playing in the Champions League for the 10th time having missed out on a place in last season's Europa League after a play-off defeat by Anderlecht.

Anderlecht.
They collected five
points from their six games
on their last appearance in
2021-22 and finished
bottom of their group.
Young Boys won their
first home Champions

Irist home Champions
League game against an
English club – Tottenham
in a 2010-11 play-off – but
went down 6-3 on
aggregate and their last, a
2-1 victory over Man United in September 2021 on a night when Cristiano Ronaldo scored but Aaron Wan-Bissaka was sent off.

Wan-Bissaka was sent off.
They went down 3-1 at
home to Leipzig in their
opening fixture, but were
denied victory at Red Star
Belgrade when Osman
Bukari's late goal ensured
it ended 2-2.

They are unbeaten in four games in all competitions, but were held to a goalless home draw by FC Zurich on Saturday.

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



NEWMARKET's midweek meeting often throws up some informative iuvenile races and Charlie Appleby's Point Sur could be one to watch out for in the Join **Racing TV Now Novice** Stakes.

Godolphin have used this card to bring through smart types such as Hurricane Lane in the past, while this year's past, while this year's Derby hope Military Order was a winner 12 months

ago. Home-bred colt Point Sur has already made one visit to Headquarters, when showing clear signs of greenness early on but then finishing well to be beaten less than a length in fourth in fourth.

Rematch

The half-brother to St
Leger runner-up New
London and three other
decent winners will surely
come on for that experience
and will be ridden by William
Buick ahead of stablemate
Strong Opinion, a
1,000,000 gns son of Dubawi
and Persuasive.
Prepschool could not quite
wear down Curran when
they met at Pontefract

By MIKE FRANCIS

earlier this month - losing out by a short-head - and they meet on the same terms in their British EBF Ruby

in their British EBF Ruby
Anniversary
Handicap rematch.
However, Michael Bell's
charge had previously been
very impressive at Ripon and
is fancied to gain revenge if
keeping closer tabs on his
conqueror this time.
Another bold showing is
anticipated from Zouzanna
in the Racing TV Fillies'
Handicap over a mile.
Harryand Roger Charlton's
filly has been successful at

HarryandRoger Charlons stilly has been successful at Haydock and Ascot this season and still looked to be on an upward curve when third here earlier this

when third here earlier this month.

The daughter of Zoustar was given a patient ride that day but did not quite get a clear passage when starting to make a forward move.

to make a forward move.
Zouzanna kept on well to
finish just a neck behind
Coco Jamboo over seven
furlongs, so stepping back up
to a mile makes sense at this

to a mic stage.
At Vimeiro can make it third time lucky in the British Stallion Studs EBF Future Stayers Novice

Jane Chapple-Hyam's 650,000gns recruit went into

notebookswhen many notebooks when making late headway to finish fifth on his Doncaster debut and was then far from disgraced at big odds in the Group Two Royal Lodge at this venue.

The booking of Ryan Moore suggests connections remain

suggests connections remain confident there is more to come from this son of Sea The Stars, who can take advantage of the 6lb he receives from Newbury scorer Feigning Madness.
Godolphin are worth going back to in the closing Racing Welfare Nursery Handicap with Broadway Act, who will be looking to follow up a course and distance victory from last month. suggests connections remain

Fortune

Runner-up Whip Cracker has since romped home by six lengths at Chelmsford and

lengths at Chelmsford and several others in behind that day also performed with credit next time out, so the form seems solid.

John and Thady Gosden can strike at Kempton with Jeff Koons in the Try Unibet's Improved Bet Builder

Improved Bet Dulluer
Handicap.
This three-year-old
deserves a change of fortune
after being a close second at
Ascot on each of his last two
starts and ran well enough
here on his racecourse bow in

April to show he handles this

OverthejumpsatFontwell, Roger Pol is taken to recoup the losses favourite backers incurred when he could not catch 50-1 shot Afta Party at Newton Abbot.

Jamie Snowden's five-year-old showed lots of promise in bumpers last season and is worth another chance in the Brenda Jenner Memorial Maiden Hurdle over an extra couple of furlongs.
SELECTIONS

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FONTWELL: 2.00 Roger Pol. 2.35 Pilot Show, 3.10 Rebel Intentions, 3.45 Monjules, 4.20 Tamaris, 4.50 Our Nel, 5.25 Ventara.

KEMPTON: 4.58 Mohareb, 5.30 City House, 6.00 Summer Of Love, 6.30 Lady Dreamer, 7.00 Island Of Skye, 7.30 Jeff

Noble Masquerade.
NEWMARKET: 1.50 So Logical, 2.25 POINT SUR (NAP).
3.00 Palace Green. 3.35 Prepschool, 4.10 Zouzanna. 4.45 At Vimeiro, 5.20 Broadway



Netherlands The international has faced questions about whether can rediscover the form which arguably made him the world's top defender prior to a knee ligament injury in October 2020.

Standard

However, there are signs However, there are signs the current Reds skipper is edging closer to his best with his commanding performance in the weekend's Merseyside derby win over Everton another indicator of a return to his previous high level

level.

"He is one of the best in the business in the world," Hyppia sai at a Nike Game On initiative which, in conjunction with the LFC Foundation, has provided more than 8,000 local schoolchildren with access to a range of sports

a big part of our team and a big leader of the team so I think we all need to be patient and his best is

coming. "I think this season he has

the season there has been scrutiny on Liverpool's defence, with right-back Trent Alexander-Arnold now operating in a hybrid midfield playmaker role in possession and opponents seeking to exploit the space in behind.

in behind.

The focus is likely to intensify following the news left-back Andy Robertson will be sidelined for three months after shoulder surgery, with Kostas Tsimikas having to deputise. But Hyypia has faith in both Liverpool's full-backs,

Finland international said:
"I think he will get a lot of
responsibility now and he
has his chance to show what kind of player he is.

Challenge

"Hopefullyheiscourageous and takes his chance. If that is not going to work then Jurgen (Klopp) needs to think of something else to solve the problem but I have confidence in Tsimikas that he can do the job."

Having come through a testing set of fixtures Liverpool sit third in the table, a point behind leaders Manchester City.

With games to come against Nottingham Forest, Bournemouth and Luton—all teams in the bottom six—and Brentford before a late November trip to the Etihad Stadium, Hyypia believes the platform has been laid

reach but everyone wants success and some trophies this season.

"It would be foolish to

look at what the others are doing. We just concentrate on what we are doing and do what we do best and then we see what the result is?

are doing and do what we do best and then we see what the result is."

The first three years of Game On, funded by Nike and delivered by the LFC Foundation, has engaged more than 8,000 children – including 950-plus disabled and 1,000-plus ethnically-diverse participants – aged between seven and 12 and 46 grassroots sports clubs with coaching delivered in 15 different sports.

"Game On is about using the power of sport, Nike and Liverpool to engage local young people in sport – unusuallyforus not football," said LFC Foundation chief executive Matt Parish.

executive Matt Parish.

- 1. Islam Makhachev beat Alexander Volkanovski at which event over the weekend?
- 2. How many Test wickets did Stuart Broad take during his England career – (a) 604, (b) 614, or (c) 624?
- 3. In which state are the Green Bay Packers based?
- 4. In what year was the first Winter Olympics held?
- 5. Hartlepool boxer Savannah Marshall is the undisputed world champion in which weight class?
- 6. Who won this year's Singapore Grand Prix?
- 7. Where do League One side Blackpool play their home games?
- 8. Who won this year's Women's Challenge Cup?
- 9. How many times has Mark Selby won the World Snooker Championship?
- 10. Who won the gold medal in the men's 100 metres final at the Tokyo Olympics?
- 11. Who is Europe's record points scorer in the Ryder Cup?
- 12. Liverpool signed Mohamed Salah from which club?
- 13. Sir Bobby Charlton shares a statue outside Old Trafford with which two players?
- 14. Who is the reigning PDC world darts champion?
- 15. In what year did Frankie Dettori claim his Magnificent Seven. winning all seven races on the card at Ascot?
- 16. Who is the current British number one in women's tennis?
- 17. England forward Chloe Kelly plays for which Women's Super League team?
- 18. Andy Murray won his first ATP Tour event in which Californian city in 2006?
- 19. Who captained England to the men's Cricket World Cup title in 2019?
- 20. Bethany Shriever and Charlotte
 Worthington won
 Olympic gold medals
 for Great Britain in 2021 in which sport?

ANGWERS: 1. 1. UFC 294; 2. (a) 604; 3. Wisconsin; 4. 1924; 5. Women 2. (a) 604; 3. Wisconsin; 4. 1924; 5. Women 3. Selber; 12. Bloomfeld (Bodd; 2012; 10. Warcell Jacobs, 2012; 11. 5. Jacobs, 2012; 12. Warcell Jacobs, 2012; 2. Warcell Jacobs,

- 1857: The oldest football club in the world, Sheffield FC, was formed at a meeting of Cambridge University old boys. 1900: Douglas Jardine,
- the England Test cricket captain at the centre of the 'Bodyline controversy in 1932-33, was born. He died in 1958, aged 57. 1915: WG Grace, one
- of the greats of cricket who scored more than 54,000 first-class runs died at the age of 67.
- 1940: Pele was born in Tres Coracoes in Brazil. Widely acknowledged as the greatest player of all time, he was part of World Cup-winning teams in 1958, 1962 and 1970. He died on December 29, 2022, a vear after being diagnosed with colon
- cancer. 1976: Britain's James Hunt won the Formula One world title with third place in the Japanese Grand Prix. securing the championship by one point from Niki Lauda. The Austrian had quit the race at Fuji in torrential rain, fearing a crash just 11 weeks after being badly burned in a race accident.
- 1987: Jockey Lester Piggott was jailed for income tax offences. He was released after serving a third of his
- three-year sentence. 1988: American Henry Armstrong, the only boxer to hold world titles at three different weights simultaneously, died aged 75.
- 1999: Kanu hit a hattrick in the final 15 minutes as Arsenal came from 2-0 down to eat Chelsea 3-2 at Stamford Bridge.
- 2005: David Beckham was sent off in Real Madrid's 2-1 defeat to Valencia for sarcastically
 applauding the referee
 after being booked.
 The decision was later overturned.
- 2007: Steve Staunton left his job as Republic of Ireland manager by mutual consent.
- 2009: Jean Todt was elected president of world motor sport's governing body the FIA succession to Max
- Mosley. 2011: New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup after beating France 8-7 in the final.
- 2011: Italian motorcyclist Marco Simoncelli was killed in a crash at the Malaysian MotoGP.
- 2017: Ronald Koeman was sacked as Everton manager with the the Premier League after winning just two of their opening nine
- league games. 2020: England men's centrally contracted cricketers agreed a 15 per cent wage cut for 12 months in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

IT'S NOT ALL PLAIN SAILING FOI

PEP Guardiola has admitted the demands of winning the treble did take a toll on his Manchester City players.

City were knocked out of the Carabao Cup and suffered rare back-to-back Premier League defeats prior to the recent international break.

They got back to winning ways

They got back to winning ways with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Brighton on Saturday but Guardiola concedes there has been a natural dropinintensity after the remarkable end to last season.

The City manager said: "The treble had an influence on all of us, me included.

"So now we need to be there, close, month by month, to arrive in the final decision moments at the end of the season close to the opponents to try it again.

"I said many times, no-one has won four (Premier Leagues) in a row,

By PAUL THOMAS

never ever. That shows how difficult never ever. Inat snows now difficult it is, but now it's important to be there, especially in the Champions League, qualify for the next round in this period and after we can just focus on the Premier League. That is the target."

City's success has also brought in the care of expectations particularly

increased expectations, particularly on Erling Haaland, who scored a remarkable 52 goals in an outstanding first season at the club.

outstanding first season at the club. By his standards, the Norwegian's recent three-game run without a goal constituted a barren spell but he ended that 'drought' with a clinical strike against the Seagulls. "Yes the expectations are so high but he's handled it really well," said Guardiola. "He knows he could have scored even more goals in the nine Premier League games we have Premier League games we have

played." Guardiola rested goalkeeper Ederson at the weekend following the Brazilian's exertions during the international break. Stefan Ortega

international break. Stefan Ortega took his place.
Guardiola said: "It was just for the fact that the travel from Brazil, it's a long time. Of course it's happened many times but he played two games there and he was so so tired.

Exciting

"Normally I like to play Ortega in the Carabao Cup and the FA Cup but we are out of the Carabao Cup, and

we are out of the Carabao Cup, and sometimes it's good for Eddy to rest a bit and refresh the mind."

Ortega was pleased to get the opportunity and hopes for more.

The German said: "I was excited when Pep told me that I was starting. I'm always waiting to get a chance to get a bit more game time.
"Eddy is playing really well this season, he started really good, but I try to keep pushing him every day in training sessions.

training sessions.
"I think I deserved to start. I'm

ambitious so of course I'm not happy to sit on the bench, but we are in a

"Sometimes it is tough but this is my job – to be there when the team needs me and to keep pushing Eddy

every day." Jeremy Doku is convinced City are Jeremy Doku is convinced City are the best and is determined to prove it. The Belgium winger shone in the Brighton win. Doku created City's opening goal for Julian Alvarez and was a threat on the left.

Doku, a £55million summer signing from Rennes, said: "It was very important — not only for the table but also just for us in our heads. "It was a difficult game but we are a good team, the best team for me and we have to prove it every time, every game we are on the pitch. Here, we did it."

City looked to be cruising to victory after Alvarez's seventh goal of the

after Alvarez's seventh goal of the campaign on seven minutes was followed by a clinical strike from Erling Haaland 12 minutes later.



Doku, who gave veteran former City player James Milner a particularly torrid time, twice curled efforts narrowly over as the

curled efforts narrowly over as the hosts threatened more.

The Seagulls rallied after the break Ansu Fati gave them hope with a reply 17 minutes from time.

City were then left clinging on after Manuel Akanji was sent off for a second bookable offence in stoppage time, a dismissal that means he will now miss next weekend's Manchester derby.

Mentally

"Some games like this are difficult but we kept on going," said Doku. "It was 10 against 11 at the end but we showed that we are

end but we showed that we are there mentality, so aggressive.

"We're happy with the result after some difficult results that we had the past weeks. It was important mentally and I hope we can keep on going like this."

For Brighton, the result was

compounded by the loss of Danny Welbeck and Solly March to injury, weibeck and Solly March to injury, the pair joining an already lengthy casualty list that includes Julio Enciso, Jakub Moder, Pervis Estupinan and Tariq Lamptey.

Yet after being outplayed in the first half, the visitors can take

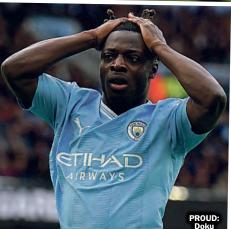
confidence from their recovery in the second period. Goalkeeper Jason Steele said: "It

was a game of two halves. In the first half we didn't play good, nowhere near good enough for our

"In the second half I think we showed what we're about a lot more. We were braver, we pressed better and that was the big

difference. "We had nce. had the chances in the we had the charles in the second half to definitely get a point and ultimately we didn't, so we leave disappointed.

"But with the second-half performance, at least we showed ourselves a little bit more."



CRICKET: World Cup, Australia v Netherlands — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Cricket

Event and Sky Sports Cricket
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FOUTBALL: Champions League,
Barcelona v Shakhtar DonetskNT Sports 1700. Feyenoord v
Lazio – TNI Sports 4 1730.
Newcastle v Borussia Dortmund
– TNI Sports 2 1790. Young Boys
Wanchester City – TNI Sports 1
1945, Paris St. Germain v AC
Milan – TNI Sports 4 1945, Cettic
v Atletico Madrid – TNI Sports 2
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Leeds – Sky Sports Football and
Sky Sports Main Event 1930.
Preston v Southampton – Sky
Sports Arena 1945.
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– Eurosport 1 1300 and 1900.

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Event and Sky Sports Cricket 0990.

• DARTS: European Championship — ITV4 1745.

• FOOTBALL: Europa League. Olympiacos v West Ham — TNT Sports 1 1700. Marseille v AEK Athens — TNT Sports 1 1700. Marseille v AEK Athens — TNT Sports 4 1730. Sparta Prague v Rangers — TNT Sports 3 1745. Europol v Toulouse — TNT Sports 1 1745. Brighton v Ajax — TNT Sports 2 1945. Roma v Slavia Prague — TNT Sports 4 1945. Europa Conference League. AZ Alkmaar v Aston Villa — TNT Sports 2 17700.

Aston Villa — TNT Sports 2 1700, Aberdeen v PAOK — TNT Sports 3

2000.
GOLF: DP World Tour, Commercial Bank Qatar Masters — Sky Sports Golf 0900.
MOTOR SPORT. World Rally Championship. Czech Republic — TNT Sports 2 1300.
SNOOKER. Morthern Ireland Open — Eurosport 1 1300 and 1900.

FRIDAY

CRICKET: World Cup, Pakistan v South Africa — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Cricket

DARTS: European Championship — ITV3 1745.

— IIV3 1745.

• FOOTBALL: Women's Nations
League, Germany v Wales — BBC
Two Wales 1615. England v
Belgium — IIV4 1900.

Netherlands v Scotland — BBC
Scotland 1945. Premier League.
Crystaf Palace v Tottenham — Sky
Sports Main Event and Sky Sports
Premier League 1900. Ligue 1.

Clermont Foot v Nice — IIV1
Sports 11945; Serie A, Genoa v
Salernitana — IIV1 Sports 2 1945;
Bundestiga, VFL Bochum v Mainz
— Sky Sports Football 1930;
LaLiga, Girona v Celta Vigo —
Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV
2000.

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TNT Sports 2 0300, Second
practice — TNT Sports 2 0715;
World Superbikes, Jerez first free
practice — Eurosport 2 0920,
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Mexican Grand Prix first practice
— Sky Sports F1 1900, Second
practice — Sky Sports F1 2245,
Sky Sports Main Event 2300,
World Rally Championship, Czech
Republic — TNT Sports 1 0845,
1100, 1245 and 1445.

RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Bronze
medal game — ITV and 546 1793.
SNOUKER. Northern Ireland Open
— Eurosport 1 1145 and 1845.

SAT URDAY

CRICKEI: World Cup. Australia v
New Zealand — Sky Sports Main
Event and Sky Sports Cricket
530. Nethertands v Bangladesh
— Sky Sports Cricket 1400.

CYCLING: UIT Track Champions
League — Eurosport 1 1700.
DARTS: European Championship
— ITV 4 1200 and 1800.

 FOIJESTRIAN: Global Champions ır show jumping — Eurosport 2

1515.
Premier League.
Chelsea v Brentford — TNT Sports
1 1100, Wolves v Newcastle —
Sky Sports Main Event and Sky
Sports Premier League 1700.
Championship, Southampton v

Birmingham – Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Football and Sky Sports Mine Event 1330: Vanarama National League, Fork Validiar – INI Sports 1 1715: Serie A. Lecce v Torino – INI Sports 1 1705: Serie A. Lecce v Torino – INI Sports 3 1700. Juventus v Helias Verona – INI Sports 1 1945: Ligue I. Lens v Nantes – INI Sports 2 1945: Ligue I. Lens v Nantes – INI Sports 2 1945: Laliga, Almeria v Las Palmas – Viaplay Sports 2 and Laliga IV 1730. Cadiz v Sevilla – Viaplay Sports 2 and Laliga IV 2000; Bundesliga, RB Leipzig v Cologne – Sky Sports Football 1730.

1730.
GOLF: DP World Tour, Commercial Bank Qatar Masters — Sky Sports Golf 0930.
HORSE RACING: Cheltenham — ITV

HURSE R.C.ING: Cheltenham — ITV regions and STV 124. MotORD CrCLING: MotoP. Grand Prix of Thailand third practice and qualifying — 1NT Sports 2 0336. Sprint race — INT Sports 2 0330. World Superbises, Jerez Superpole — Eurosport 2 1000. Race one — Eurosport 2 1005. MotOR SPORT. Formula One. Mexican Grand Prix third practice — Sty Sports F1 1815. Qualifying — Sky Sports F1 and Sky Sports Main Event 2300. World Ratly Championship. Czech Republic — INT Sports 2 1000. 1415, 1545 and 1700.

TNT Sports 2 1000, 1415, 1545 and 1700.

RUGBY LEAGUE: International. England v longa — BBC One 1400.

RUGBY UNION: World Cup. Final — ITV 1900. S4C 1915: Premiership. Bath v Leicester — TNT Sports 1 1500. United Rugby Championship. Ospreys v Zebre Parma — Viaplay Sports 1 1300. Comnacth v Glasgow Warriors — Viaplay Sports 1 1500. Stormers v Scarlets — S4C 1445, Viaplay Sports 2 1500. Edinburgh v Sports 2 1500, Edinburgh v Emirates Lions — Viaplay Sports 1

1700. SNOOKER: Northern Ireland Open — Eurosport 1 1245, Eurosport 2 1845.

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SUNDAY

GRIDIRON. NFL. Game TBC — Sky
Sports NFL 1600. Game TBC
Sky Sports NFL 2015. Sky Sports
Main Event 2200. Los Angeles
Chargers v Chicago Bears — Sky
Sports Min Event and Sky Sports
NFL 0020 (Mon.).

CRICKEE World Log. India v
England — Sky Sports
Min Event and Sky Sports
NFL 0020 (Mon.).

CYCLING: Sky Sports Main Event
and Sky Sports Main Event
and Sky Sports Cricket 0800.

CYCLING: Singapore Criterium —
Eurosport 2 0750.

DARTS: European Championship
— ITVA 1200 and 1800.

— ITVA 1200 and 1800.
FOOTBALL-Premier League. West
Ham v Everton — Sky Sports Main
Event and Sky Sports Premier
League 1200, Manchester United
v Manchester City — Sky Sports
Main Event and Sky Sports
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Fremier League 1500. Serie A.
Cagliari v Frosinone — INT Sports
11130, Monza v Udinese — INT
Sports 3 1400, Inter Milan v Roma
— TNT Sports 2 1700, Napoli v AC
Milan — INT Sports 1 1930; Ligue
1. Brest v Paris St. Germain — INT
Sports 2 1700. Lille v Monaco — In Brest V Paris St. Germain — TNT Sports 2 1200. Lille v Monaco — TNT Sports 2 1200. Lille v Monaco — TNT Sports 2 1400. Rennes v Strasbourg — TNT Sports 3 1605. Marseille v Lyon — TNT Sports 2 1930. Laliga, Real Betis v Osasuna — Viaplay Sports 2 and Laliga TV 1300. Rayo Vallecano v Real Societad — Viaplay Sports 2 and Laliga TV 1515. Athletic Bilbao v Valencia — Laliga TV 1730, Atletico Madrid v Alaves— Viaplay Sports 1 and Laliga TV 2000. Bundesliga, Eintracht Frankfurt v Borussia Bortmund — Sky Sports Football 1430. Bayer Leverkusen v St Freiburg — Sky Sports Football 1430. Bayer GULF DP World Tour. Commercial

Bank Qatar Masters - Sky Sports

Bank Datar Masters – Sky Sports 60ff 0800. MOTIOR CYCLING: MotoGP. Grand Prix of Thailand – TNT Sports 2 0730: World Superbikes. Jerez Superpole – Eurosport 2 0930. Race two – Eurosport 2 1245. MOTIOR SPORT: Formula One. Mexican Grand Prix – Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1955.

1955. RUGBY UNION: Premiership, RUGBY UNION: Premiership, Newcastle v Northampton — TNT Sports 1 1430; United Rugby Championship, Dragons v Cardiff — Viaplay Sports 1 1430, Ulster v Vodacom Bulls — BBC Ulster v Vodacom Bulls – BBC
Two Northern Ireland 1640,
Viaplay Sports 1 1700.

SNOOKER: Northern Ireland Open
– Eurosport 1 1245 and 1845.

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FIRED UP:

CELTIC manager Brendan Rodgers wants his team to show they can take on the best in the world when they host Atletico Madrid. show they can take on the best in the word when they host Atletico Madrid. The Hoops are looking for their first points of the Champions League campaign. Rodgers said: "We are playing one of the top clubs in the world and one of the best teams. "We want to be able to take on the best teams in the world. We don't have to be the best in the world but we certainly want to be able to take them on." Celtic warmed up with a dominant display in Sunday's 4-1 win over Hearts. "The players will go into it with great confidence," Rodgers said. "It will be an amazing atmosphere, we will try to start with energy and devise a plan. "The players have been unfortunate they haven't picked up something. In the two games the performance level has been good."

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